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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0939

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFORS, CD

SUBJ: US PRESS INTEREST IN VIXAMA REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: NDJAMENA 922

1. THOMAS A. JOHNSON, NY TIMES BUREAU CHIEF WEST AFRICA  
RESIDENT (LAGOS) AND BRYAN JEFFRIES, AP CORRESPONDENT FROM LONDON,  
CALLED AT EMB APRIL 18 TO INQUIRE ABOUT VIXAMA CASE. JOHNSON STATED  
THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM UNSPECIFIED AFRICAN AND FRENCH SOURCES THAT  
VIXAMA HAD REQUESTED ASYLUM FROM US EMBASSY, HAD BEEN REFUSED,  
AND HAD FINALLY MANAGED LEAVE COUNTRY SURREPTIOUSLY. (JOHNSON  
STATED HE CERTAIN OF XIAMA DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY BUT DID NOT NAME  
SOURCES.)

2. EMBOFFS SAID VIXAMA HAS MADE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM THROUGH INTER-  
MEDIARY FROM A LOCATION IN N'DJAMENA WHERE EMB WAS CERTAIN HE AND  
FAMILY ENJOYED COMPLETE SAFETY, ADDING VIXAMA'S PROBLEM WAS HIS  
ONWARD MOVEMENT. US POLICY ASYLUM EXPLAINED TO REPORTERS, AS  
WELL AS TEMPORARY REFUGE POLICY (DRAWING ON 2 FAM 225.2), AND  
EMBOFFS CONFIRMED EMB HAD CONSULTED WITH DEPARTMENT ON CASE.  
EMBOFFS NOTED THAT VIXAMA IN PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH EMB HAD  
PRESENTED HIMSELF AS CHADIAN CITIZEN FOR PURPOSES OBTAINING US  
VISAS, AND THAT NEITHER HE NOR FAMILY HAD ANY CLAIM TO AMERICAN  
CITIZENSHIP. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT VIXAMA HAD NOT PERSONALLY COME  
TO EMBASSY SINCE COUP, ADDING THAT HIS SITUATION PRESUMABLY  
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SIMILAR TO THAT OF FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER FOREIGN-BORN ADVISERS

TO FORMER GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFFS HAD IMPRESSION THAT NEITHER JOHNSON OR  
JEFFRIES FOUND VIXAMA INCIDENT NEWSWORTHY, BUT BACKGROUND SUB-  
MITTED FOR DEPT. IN EVENT IT IS USED.  
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